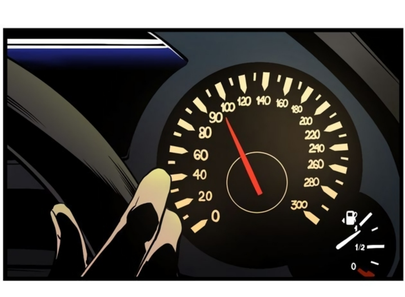
SWEET RIDE.

NOT NICE ENOUGH FOR AN S-RANK HUNTER SUCH AS YOURSELF, SIR.
TRUE, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE DRIVING SLOW. IT'D BE FASTER TO RUN.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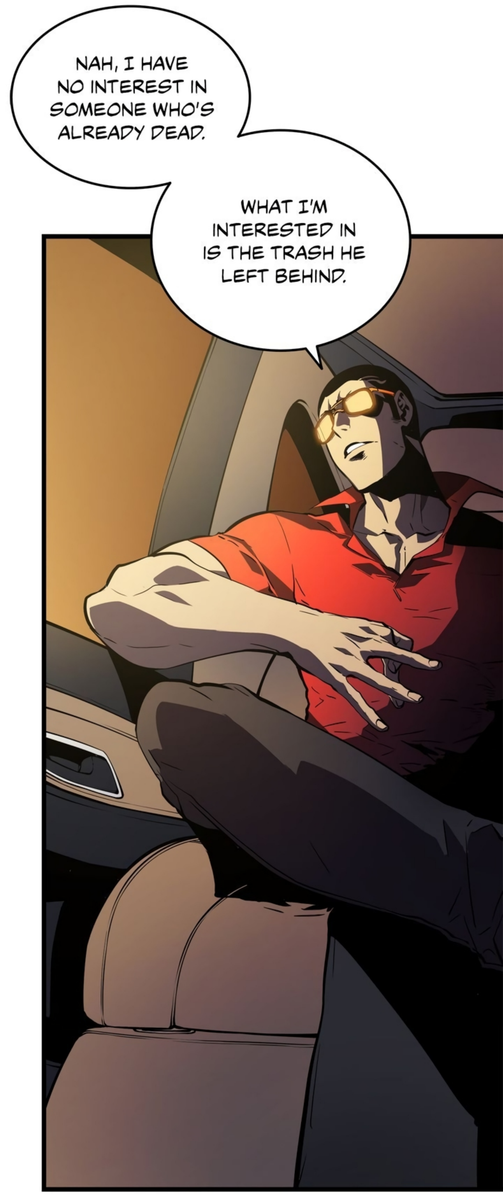
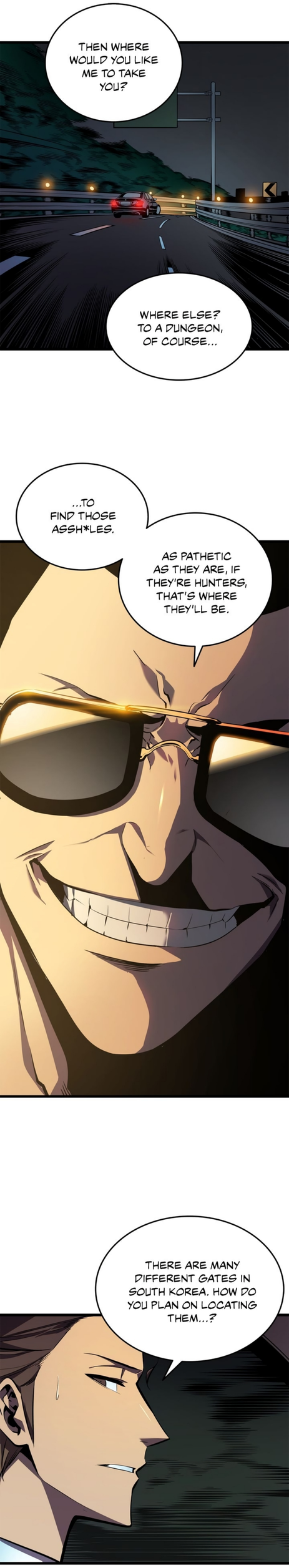
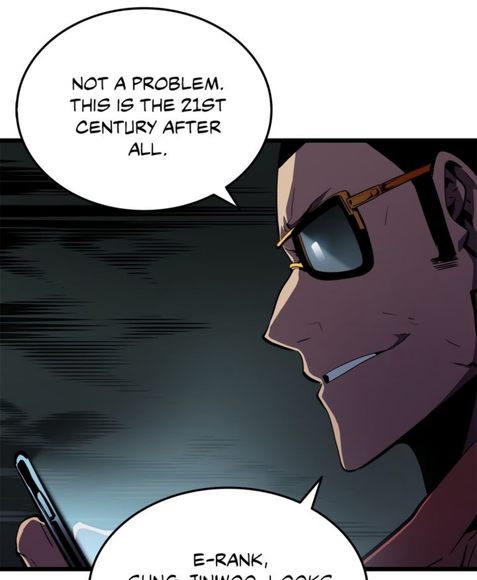
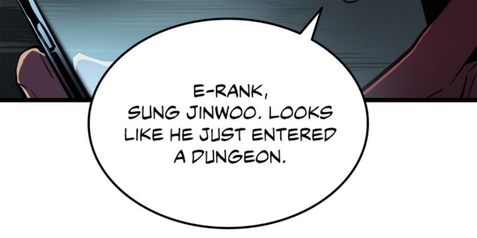
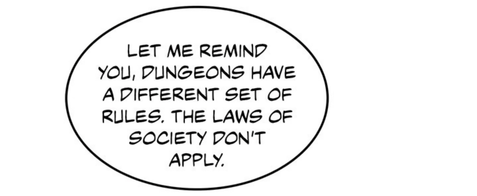
ANYWAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BROTHER'S FUNERAL?
IT WAS KEPT LOW PROFILE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO RETRIEVE HIS BODY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE MORTUARY, SIR?


NAH, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY DEAD.
WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN IS THE TRASH HE LEFT BEHIND.

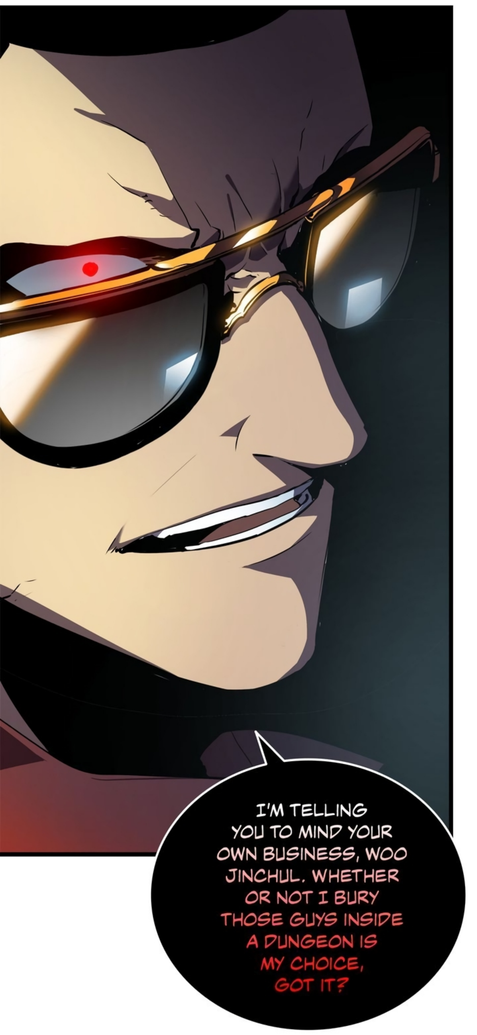

THEN WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE YOU?
WHERE ELSE? TO A DUNGEON, OF COURSE...
...TO FIND THOSE ASSH*LES.
AS PATHETIC AS THEY ARE, IF THEY'RE HUNTERS, THAT'S WHERE THEY'LL BE.
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT GATES IN SOUTH KOREA. HOW DO YOU PLAN ON LOCATING THEM...?


NOT A PROBLEM. THIS IS THE 21ST CENTURY AFTER ALL.


E-RANK, SUNG JINWOO. LOOKS LIKE HE JUST ENTERED A DUNGEON.


LET ME REMIND YOU, DUNGEONS HAVE A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES. THE LAWS OF SOCIETY DON'T APPLY.

I TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING.


I'M TELLING YOU TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, WOO JINCHUL. WHETHER OR NOT I BURY THOSE GUYS INSIDE A DUNGEON IS MY CHOICE, GOT IT?

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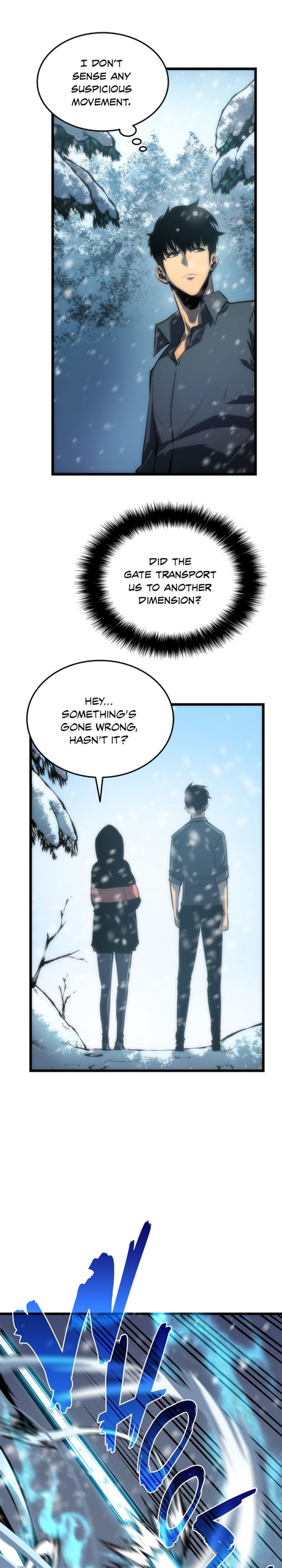
WHERE ARE WE?!
MURMUR
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A DUNGEON!
MURMUR
AND THE GATE'S DISAPPEARED!


I DON'T SENSE ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENT.
DID THE GATE TRANSPORT US TO ANOTHER DIMENSION?
HEY... SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG, HASN'T IT?
WHOO

GRAB

ARGHHH!!
STAB
KYAAA!
WHAT THE HELL!
WE'RE BEING AMBUSHED!!
UP THERE IN THE TREES!
THEY'RE THE ONES ATTACKING US!

ICE ELVES?!

ICE ELVES... I COULDN'T SENSE THEIR PRESENCE BECAUSE THEY WERE SO FAR AWAY.

THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED THESE CREATURES CALL THEM "ICE ELVES."

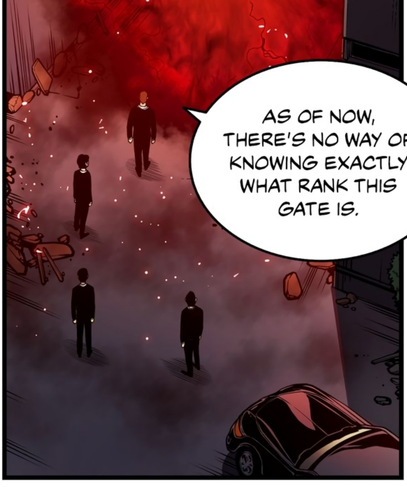
BUT HUNTERS THAT HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THEM CALL THEM BY A DIFFERENT NAME.

UNLIKE THE BEAUTIFUL NAME, "ICE ELVES," THIS OTHER NAME WAS GIVEN TO THESE CREATURES BECAUSE OF THE BRUTAL METHODS THEY USE TO HUNT DOWN HUNTERS.

ICE SLAYERS.

THE ENTRANCE IS SHUT TIGHT.
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
WASN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A C-RANK GATE?
IT WAS, SIR.
HAVE YOU TRIED CONTACTING THE ASSOCIATION YET?
I HAVE, BUT...
...THEY JUST KEEP TELLING ME THEY WERE SURE THIS WAS A C-RANK GATE...

THOSE DAMN PRICKS!
A RED GATE ONLY APPEARS IN HIGH-RANKING DUNGEONS.
THERE'S ANOTHER WORLD BEYOND THIS GATE, BUT IT'S EMITTING MANA WAVES THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF A MERE C-RANK DUNGEON.
SOMETHING'S NOT ADDING UP. THIS GATE IN FRONT OF ME IS AT THE VERY LEAST B-RANK.
IF WE'RE UNLUCKY, IT COULD EVEN BE AN A-RANK GATE, OR PERHAPS EVEN HIGHER.
SHOULD WE TRY MEASURING THE WAVES USING THE MANA METER ONCE MORE?
A GATE THAT HAS ALREADY TURNED RED WON'T EMIT ANY MORE MANA WAVES, SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE.


AS OF NOW, THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT RANK THIS GATE IS.

HOW MANY OF OUR HUNTERS WENT INSIDE?
A TOTAL OF 12, SIR.
HOW MANY OF THEM ARE HIGH-RANKING?
AN A-RANK HUNTER NAME KIM CHUL IS THE LEADER, AND THERE ARE ALSO SEVEN B-RANK HUNTERS.

ONE A-RANK AND SEVEN B-RANKS...
WILL OUR NEW RECRUITS... BE OKAY?

THIS GATE IS MOST LIKELY B-RANK OR A-RANK.
AN S-RANK GATE WOULD PUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, BUT THEY'RE RARE, SO I CAN RULE OUT THAT POSSIBILITY.
IF THIS GATE IS B-RANK, THEY'LL NEED AT LEAST THREE OR MORE A-RANK HUNTERS.
IF IT'S A-RANK, THEY'LL EITHER NEED ONE OR MORE S-RANK HUNTERS, OR 10 A-RANK HUNTERS.
WHICH MEANS... IF THE GATE IS A-RANK OR HIGHER, THE HUNTERS IN THERE ARE AS GOOD AS DEAD.
TWO TO THREE A-RANK OR B-RANK HUNTERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT ALIVE, IF THEY'RE LUCKY.
ACTUALLY,

ONE OTHER PERSON ENTERED THE GATE.

WHO WAS IT?

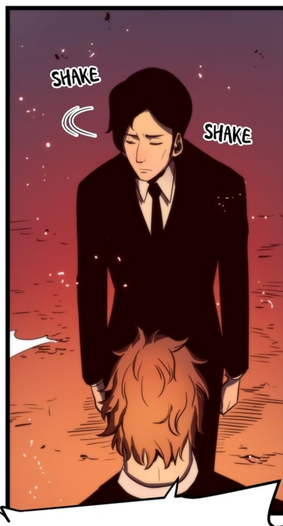
HE'S A HUNTER THAT I'VE HAD MY EYE ON FOR A WHILE NOW.

A HUNTER YOU'VE HAD YOUR EYE ON?

YES, SIR.

WHAT'S HIS RANK?

A? OR B?



THEN ARE YOU SAYING THAT AN S-RANK HUNTER WENT IN WITH OUR NEW RECRUITS?

NO, SIR.

HE'S AN E-RANK.

THESE GUYS ARE PRETTY CLEVER.
THEY TARGETED THE TWO WEAKEST MEMBERS OF OUR STRIKE SQUAD FIRST.

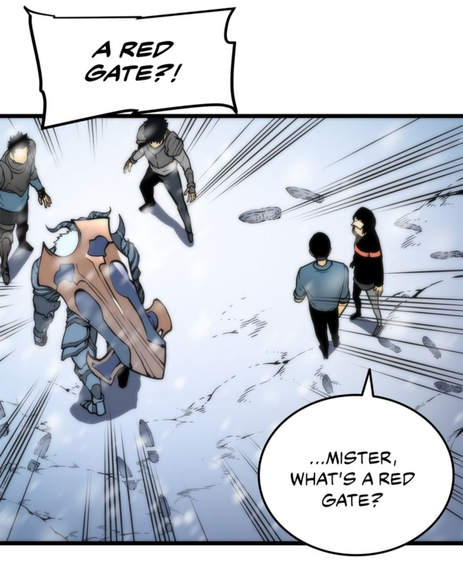
IF IT HAD BEEN TWO MONTHS AGO, THEIR ARROWS WOULD'VE BEEN SHOT AT ME.
SWISH

...OH, YEAH?
CRUSH

SWOOSH

...I'LL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE HAPPY TO SEE US.

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED BY NOW, BUT WE'RE INSIDE A RED GATE.
THAT MEANS NOBODY CAN ENTER THIS DUNGEON UNTIL ALL OF US DIE, OR A DUNGEON BREAK CAUSES THE GATE TO OPEN.


A RED GATE?!
...MISTER, WHAT'S A RED GATE?

A SPECIAL GATE THAT CONNECTS US TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.
ONCE YOU STEP FOOT INSIDE A RED GATE, YOU BECOME COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD, WHICH MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANY HELP.
THERE'S NO ESCAPING UNLESS THE BOSS IS DEFEATED, OR A DUNGEON BREAK OCCURS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE STRANDED HERE.

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